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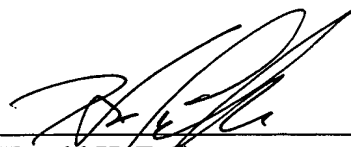
Applicants provisionally elect the species identified in the office action as pertaining to Figure 1, including claims 1-12, 14, 20-39, 45, and 52. Accordingly, Applicants provisionally withdraw claims 13, 15-19, 40-44, 46-51, and 53.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement to the extent that the embodiments identified as associated with Figures 1 and 2 are subject to the restriction requirement. In this regard, the embodiment of Figure 2 differs from that of Figure 1 by the addition of a pair of op amps 33a' and 33b'. Because such difference would not cause the embodiments of Figures 1 and 2 to be classified differently nor to be in different fields of search, examination of the embodiments of Figures 1 and 2 together does not place a serious burden on the examiner. Accordingly, the restriction requirement is improper with respect to the embodiments shown in Figures 1 and 2. Applicants request withdrawal of the restriction requirement of the embodiment of Figure 2.

Applicants reserve traversing arguments relating to the appropriateness of the restriction of other embodiments for a later time, and note that several linking claims remain pending.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation would further prosecution of this case, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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